Shortage of Funds for Research Programmes in Electronics Sector

1663. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state (a) whether it is a fact that acute shortage of funds has hit the research programmes in the strategic electronics sector which developed key components for the indigenous guided missiles and other defence and civilian areas ;

(b) what was the total amount recommended by the experts and what was the amount allocated for this sector; and

(c) the reasons for short-fall in allotment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) Research programmes in the strategic electronic sectors are carried out by different Departments and organisations connected with this subject in the Government. The total requirement of funds during the 8th Five Year Plan projected for National Radar Council Technology Development Programme which inter-alia covers strategic electronics was Rs. 25 crores. The budget for this sector is Rs. 0.75 crores during 1992-93.

(c) The reduction in allocation of funds for the National Radar Council Technology Development Programme is due to resource constraints.

Mass killings in Ciskei in South Africa

1664. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the reaction of Government against the mass killings by the armed forces in Ciskei the apartheid imposed black homeland in South Africa; and

(b) what role Government of India have played to mobilise world public opinion to force the De Klerk Government of South Africa to speed up the transfer of power ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) India expressed its deep sense of shock at the Ciskei massacre and urged upon all the parties concerned to eschew violence and to return to negotiations for the establishment of a non-racial, democratic and undivided South Africa.

(b) India has been in the forefront of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. It has raised the issue several times in various international fora. At the United Nations, India has been actively participating in various debates to consider the situation in South Africa, and has supported the proposal to send UN observers to South Africa to monitor the situation there. It has also supported the efforts by organisations such as the European Community and the Commonwealth to send observers to South Africa; the Commonwealth Observer's Team presently in South Africa includes an Indian member. India continues to urge an early resumption of negotiations between all the parties concerned for the establishment of a representative interim government.

Chinese Nuclear Policy

1665. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any major shift in Chinese Nuclear Policy in the context of radical changes on the global nuclear scenario;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any change in its nuclear policy in the light of new development; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Though China has recently become a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), she appears to be continuing with